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ADJOURNMENT

Redland Hospital

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (6.24 pm): The truth about the crisis at Redland Hospital has finally come out. Dr Michael Cameron of the Redland Hospital emergency department bravely wrote an open letter about the problems at Redland Hospital. I table the open letter and will read some excerpts.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 7 February 2019, titled 'Redland Hospital: Doctor reveals bed shortages, safety concerns in open letter to community' [194](#).

The open letter states—

... if it is you who needs the Emergency Department ... choose carefully. Will you go to the Princess Alexandra Hospital, a top level Public Hospital with all specialties ... Or will you choose the Redland Hospital, where we will see you as soon as we can and will try our best to help you.

He lists a range of specialties that are not provided at the hospital and he goes on to say—

Like other Public Hospitals we are struggling for space to put all our patients. They often wait for days in my ED for a bed in our hospital or another hospital.

...

As your doctor, I have a duty to warn you that the choice you make may make a difference.

This is a damning indictment of this Labor government in not keeping pace with the health needs of Redlands coast residents. Dr Cameron exposes the dire bed shortages clogging the system, potential impacts on patient safety and the need for specialists. The government response has been woeful and was covered in a story titled 'Minister says Redland Hospital will be expanded, but no time frame'. I table the article.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 8 February 2019, titled 'Minister says Redland Hospital will be expanded, but no time frame' [195](#).

The minister wrote to staff and said that he would do something about it, but he had no time frame. In fact, another version of it said that eventually something might happen—eventually. This is so typical of how Labor has responded to the health needs of the people of the Redlands coast. This is not acceptable, Premier and minister. Firstly, stop blaming the feds. Independent Hospital Pricing Authority figures—and I table these figures—show a \$39 million cut in funding from the state government to Redland Hospital and the Metro South HHS for the period 2017-18 compared to 2016-17.

Tabled paper: Table, undated, titled 'Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) Figures' [196](#).

It is little wonder we have the worst ramping in Queensland and the third worst ED in Queensland.

Mr Brown interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Capalaba, please return to your seat if you wish to make any statements in the House.

Dr ROBINSON: The second issue is that we need to fast-track the master planning. It has been four years now. That is unacceptable. We also need to stop calling a small investment in ED maintenance and maternity a hospital upgrade—like the real upgrades that Logan, Ipswich, Caboolture and Nambour are getting. Also, the car parking does not have to be fixed first, as the minister said. Firstly, there was a review that was meant to be completed by mid-2018—which came and went—and then he reannounced a delay and another car park review later in 2019, perhaps reporting very late. This is a review after a review. Build the car park and then we will invest seems to be a very strange strategy. With regard to demountables, the ALP's answer seems to be dongas. Has it come to that? Get on with the major upgrade with more beds, ICU, dialysis and palliative care, among other things. We are very grateful to Dr Cameron for the truth.

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